

8 transmitted across said network to a given one of said plurality of computers is received
9 by said second code before being providing to a protocol driver in said system space;

10 wherein said second code, when executed responsive to a first of said plurality of
11 computers receiving a packet from said network, stores at least certain information from
12 said packet into a shared memory buffer between the user address space and the system
13 address space; and

14 wherein said first code when executed by said first computer accesses said
15 information from said shared memory buffer.

1 56. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, wherein said installing is
2 performed using a patching technique.

1 57. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, wherein said installing is
2 performed remotely over said network.

1 58. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein said second code is in a communication
2 path between a network driver interface and the protocol driver.

REMARK

Entry of the above-listed amendments is respectfully requested. It is respectfully
submitted that no new matter has been introduced by this preliminary amendment.

Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8598 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

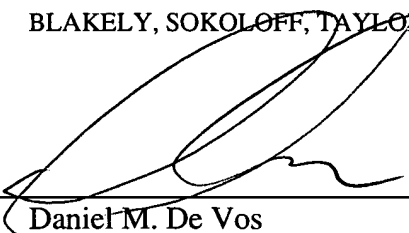
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